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NOTICES.

Mr. JAS. BREWSTER will upon subscribers in Somerset County the month of April.

Mr. S. N. TAYLOR is now on collecting and enlisting tour in the State.

Mr. STANFORD P. CARY will visit subscribers in Knox County during the month of April.

Mr. D. D. COOPER will visit subscribers in Cumberland County during the month of April.

Fast Day.

This time-honored day again occurs, when we should examine ourselves with reference to our relations to society. It is the time to ask ourselves whether we have done all in our power for a year past to infuse joy and gladness into the hearts of all around us,—whether we have done anything towards unloosing the heavy burdens that had so heavily pressed upon others; whether we have been willing to let the oppressed go free and enjoy the same free air of heaven that we breathe, or whether we have contracted our very souls to a spirit of selfishness and indifference to the wants of others. It is a fitting day in which to devise means of exercising our benevolence in order to relieve the wants of those in suffering. Our country is still smarting under the effects of the war. A new order of things has been forced upon us, and we are called upon to give our support to whatever shall be for the greatest good of the greatest number of our common countrymen.

The great Dispenser of good has so created this world, as Cicero has well said, it is best fitted for use and for beauty. We are then to make use of our advantages, and enjoy its benefits, and whatever we spend enjoy ourselves we should strive to render available to others. A purely selfish spirit is never a happy one. It fears its own shadow through fear that somebody will be benefited by what it has done. Our fasts then should not consist merely in doing nothing, but rather in devising what we can and should do for the good of society. Then it will be acceptable to Him whose watchful eye is over all his creatures.

In this age of excitement, both physical and mental, beyond the endurance of a majority of those brought under its influence, it is well to pause a moment, suspend our common course of duty, and make it a special devotion to such topics as are adapted to renew our physical and intellectual powers in a new direction, to cultivate the moral and religious part of our nature. We shall be all the better fitted to perform the various duties of society. With the spirit of penitence and forgiveness, let us bow before Him who searches our hearts, and humbly ask for his wisdom to guide us through the year before us.

INTERTEMPORAL IN AUGUSTA. The suggestions contained in the recent inaugural message of Mayor Caldwell, in regard to the prevailing evils of intertemporality in this city, and the necessity for some legal action for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, we are glad to learn, has awakened a determination on the part of the city authorities to enforce the laws of the State bearing upon the subject. Mr. Jones, our new City Marshal, has taken hold of the matter in earnest. He has given notice of his intention to prosecute liquor sellers under the provisions of the nuisance law of 1858, and has caused to be printed and circulated copies of the law, as a warning to those engaged in this nefarious and illegal business. The law provides that all buildings, places or tenements used for the illegal sale or keeping of intoxicating liquors, are declared to be common nuisances, and that any person keeping or maintaining any such nuisance, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year. Owners, who knowingly rent any building for such a purpose, are liable to a fine not less than \$100, nor more than \$1000, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than six months.

We learn that several drinking places have been already closed in anticipation of a visit from the Marshal, and there is reason to hope that the disreputable business which has so long flourished unrestrained and unchecked in this city, will be greatly circumscribed, if not entirely broken up. The effort to accomplish so desirable a work will have the cordial sympathy, and we trust the active encouragement and cooperation of our citizens.

DANVILLE JUNCTION. While stopping at Danville Junction a few days since, we strolled up the railroad track a half mile and were surprised in seeing a stone wall composed almost entirely of limestone. It appears to have been built of boulders blasted up in the neighboring field. Unquestionably there is a lime quarry near by. Much of it was of excellent quality for burning. It is worth looking after. Near the junction where the road runs through a ledge, the rocks are very interesting to the Geologist. Powerful veins run through the rocks. One of these veins was ten feet wide. The veins of mica slate are beneath the granite, or rather the granite is in veins alternating with the slate. To one compelled to stop at the Junction it is worthy of notice.

We ought not to omit the splendid eating establishment kept by Mr. Clark in the new depot. He has an extensive dining hall like that of a first class hotel, and we trust that it will be considered intelligently and with a just reference to all the interests involved in its decision. On the one hand, we must look at the additional burden of taxation which the assumption of the debt of the company will impose upon the people, and on the other, the advantages to be derived from the business and industry of the city by throwing down a barrier which has obstructed and diverted us from the trade and intercourse of a large and populous section of country. For our part, we have no hesitation in giving a hearty concurrence and support to the movement. We have long believed that it would be for the advantage of the entire community to make the bridge free at any reasonable cost. We have no doubt that it will be a measure of the soundest economy, of the truest policy, and a most gratifying illustration of a liberal and progressive public spirit which always finds its appropriate peculiarity, as well as moral, recompence in well-doing. We have not space to urge in detail the considerations of either general or local importance which attach to the consummation of so desirable a measure. It is not needful for us to do so. The public are sufficiently familiar with the arguments for and against it, and we believe the people will come together at the time designated, thoroughly alive to the bearing which the question will have upon the interests of the city and community, and prepared to give their emphatic endorsement and approval.

PASAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. It will be seen by our Congressional record that the Civil Rights bill has been passed over the Presidential veto, by the required two-thirds vote in both branches. The vote in the Senate stood 33 to 15, and in the House, 122 to 41. Thus is consummated an act of justice, humanity and patriotism, which will meet the approval of the American people.

THE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH. It has been closed for several weeks past for repairs. The interior has been repainted and re-carpeted, and the walls elegantly frescoed by Mr. Schumacher of Portland.

The steeples in being shingled over, and the entire outside of the building is to be repainted. The improvements will be made at a cost of about \$1200 to the Society, and will add very much to the attractions of their church.

THE CHOLEM AT HALIFAX. The steamship England, Capt. Ware, from Liverpool arrived at Halifax on Sunday last, with the cholera on board. The disease broke out on the Tuesday previous, and on her arrival at Halifax, 186 cases had occurred, and 50 deaths. She had 1202 passengers and 100 crew. The passengers are principally Germans and Irish.

U. S. COMMISSIONER'S COURT. J. H. MARLEY Commissioner. April 6th. Geo. W. Shaw, of Waterville, was arraigned for being an unlicensed peddler. Defendant pleaded guilty. Personal recognizance taken for his appearance at the Circuit Court next, to be held at Portland on the 23d day of this month.

PORTLAND & KENNEBEC RAILROAD. The spring arrangement of trains on the Portland & Kennebec Railroad, running on Monday, April 9th, is as follows: leave Skowhegan at 8 A. M., August 11, Brunswick, 11.55 P. M., and arrive in Portland at 2.30. Leave Portland at 1.00 P. M., Brunswick 2.30, Augusta 4.20, and arrive in Skowhegan at 6.30.

BLINDNESS, DEAFNESS AND CATARACT. Dr. Carpenter, the Oculist and Aurist, leaves Bangor on Thursday, April 12th. He can be consulted at the Eastern Hotel, Machias, on and after Monday, April 16th.

APPEAL SCHOOLS. Mr. Stephen N. Tabor of East Walpole, informs us that he can furnish those who wish to improve their fruit schools (one good and in a good condition) of the King of Tompkins Co., and a dozen other varieties of apples, together with a few pears and plum stocks. They will be sent by express or otherwise ordered.

GEN. CONNOR OF KENDALL'S MILLS. who was severely wounded at the battle of the Wilderness in 1864, and laid for many months in a helpless condition, had the misfortune to break his leg while sleeping from the train at Danville Junction one day last week.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN THE BURNED DISTRICT. In this city have been recommended during the past week with great vigor. About twenty-five brick stores are now in process of erection, and others are in contemplation during the summer.

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The President's Proclamation.

Meeting of the City Council.

AUGUSTA, April 7, 1866.

Orders passed in concurrence—That the Mayor and Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be requested and authorized to purchase two horses and suitable harnesses for the same, to be used in the Fire Department and in such other manner as will best subserve the interest of the city, and also to examine the Engine House on Bridge St., and if practicable cause a portion of the same to be placed in suitable condition for the stabling of said horses; that the Committee on Bells and Clocks be directed to contract with some suitable person to keep the city clock in good repair, and to ring the public bell for the current municipal year; that the Committee on Finance be directed to report at the next meeting, the necessary amount of money to be raised by assessment the current year for city purposes, stating the amount required for each department separately; that the Committee on Highways be instructed to inquire into the expediency of building a concrete walk on the north side of Green St. from State St. to its intersection with Water St., and report to the next meeting of the City Council; that all parties proposing to build the present season on Water St. be authorized to use portions of Water and Commercial streets, not exceeding twelve feet, in conformity with the City charter; that the City Solicitor be directed to adjust, in conjunction with the Mayor the suit of John McArthur, now pending against the city, if a settlement can be had for a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, and that the Mayor be hereby authorized to draw his warrant for such sum as may be agreed upon, not exceeding the sum above specified; that the Street Commissioner for Western District be and hereby is authorized to construct a cross walk across Water Street, beginning on the north side of Bridge St., at the lot of Nason, Hamlin & Co.; that J. S. & F. E. Johnson be and they are hereby authorized to place a post near the edge of the sidewalk in front of the store occupied by them.

The Mayor further directs: "If it be granted that the bill will be passed, let the bill be introduced in the House of Representatives, and when it is introduced, let the House of Representatives, in its discretion, add to the bill such clauses as it may see fit, and let the bill be introduced into the Senate, and when it is introduced, let the Senate add to the bill such clauses as it may see fit, and let the bill be introduced into the House of Representatives again, and when it is introduced, let the House of Representatives add to the bill such clauses as it may see fit, and let the bill be introduced into the Senate again, and when it is introduced, let the Senate add to the bill such clauses as it may see fit, and let the bill be introduced into the House of Representatives again, and when it is introduced, let the House of Representatives add to the bill such clauses as it may see fit, and let the bill be introduced into the Senate again, and when it is introduced, let the Senate 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Poetry.

THE UNSHED BATTLE-FIELD.

There is an human battle field
In every human heart—
Where two opposing forces meet,
And where they seldom rest.
The heart is full from mortal sight,
But only sees the victory.
Who knows alone where victory lies
Where each day's fight is done.
One army clings strong and fierce,
His brow is like the thunder cloud,
His voice the bursting storm,
His captain's pride, and power, and hate,
With a single stroke the weakers fall,
And thunders in the fray.
Came with this mighty force
To bid a little battle,
Then there was an unequaling frost,
And snow lay on the earth,
The body of God's form,
And glowing in his naked breast,
His thoughts of Faith, and Hope, and Love,
To bid that where victory signs,
And gazing on it all receive,
Sweat from a scalding sweat.
They had no place of peace,
A truth as great as sure,
That to be victors they must learn
The love of victory.
The battle is in silent strife,
Imports a deadly blow,
For every deadly blow,
And when they win that battle field,
Past is quite forgot;
The plain where carnage had reigned,
Is like a quiet spot.
The spot of flowers of joy and peace
Spring from the frost soil,
And breath the perfume of their grace
On every breeze to God.

Our Story-Teller.

PHILIP FALKLAND'S STORY.

When my mother was left a widow, and it had been discovered that the money which was supposed to be lying in the Crampton Bank had been stolen, Captain Falkland, in some mysterious manner disappeared with it; when the old family mansion was sold and the furniture with it, and all our earthly possessions were packed away in trucks standing ready corded in the hall for the morrow's fitting, mother looked around her and saw, all day, all boys, sitting sadly over the fire. "Well, I'm glad there are no girls among you; men can make their own way in the world, give them half a chance. Maybe it will be the Lord's will that I should go to him, but I could leave you alone." Then, after a half a dozen hours of sorrowing every day; and Samuel with good prospects before him—if the iron moneyer isn't quite what we'd have chosen; and Phil!—there she stopped and reddened, and said, "Phil's but young, and has older brothers."

I knew what she meant right well—why her face flushed and her lip quivered. And when Phil had taken his light and gone up stairs to bed, and Samuel, with a kiss a child might have given his mother, had followed him, I took my crutches and came out of the corner of the room. I had been sitting, and had down by mother's side.

"Well, I'm glad there are no girls among you," said mother.

She looked at me with another flush, and said, "I've a great deal to fret about just now, you know."

"I know that, mother," I said. "But I know this—since our troubles came upon us you have said this to yourself. 'Eben will be a doctor in good practice some day. Samuel will succeed in making friends and a home.' But when Phil came to bid his brothers good-bye, living on their bounty."

My mother put her hand over my mouth. "I never thought the half of that," she said. "Elder brothers should always help the younger."

"And he always did, and I am than they?" I asked.

"They are twins, and nearly one-and-twenty; I am full nineteen. Mother, you have been anxious on my account."

"Well, Phil," said my mother, "I won't deny it; we have tried—your poor father and I—to make life easy for you, but you are a little child, so that I could carry you about and cuddle you up in my arms more than ever. Ever since you were hurt I've felt soft and now, oh, Phil! the others may manage, and I am a woman; but what will you do without money?"

"As well as the rest, dear mother," I said.

"No, Phil," said mother. "They can walk and run. They hardly used the carriage when we had it, and you never sat in it, and you never sat on horseback. They can not eat common dishes with apples, and you need things that cost money to buy. I am sorry, and Mr. Hargrave conversed I made my way across the room and stood beside her. And we looked over the pictures together, and I answered her questions and told her what I had on my mind."

"And when she was gone, I closed my door and Mr. Hargrave entered with his daughter on his arm, I felt no surprise at their appearance.

It was this, this small, one which her father had given her on his birthday.

"For God's sake, Jesus!" I said. "Leave dear—sister, for me."

"For 'Eben's sake," she cried. "Leave you for 'Eben's sake—what can you mean?"

"I am a fool," she said. "Dear—sister, forget me."

"For I have changed my plan," he said. "I shall travel until the old house holder may be lived in again, and Jessie will keep it home for me. She did not wish to leave it."

"The boy never means to turn tailor or shoe-maker," cried mother, with a smile.

"I do not, but I will be ill," I said; "but I was thinking of something else. Do you know I became a woman?"

"Goodness!" cried mother. "Why, what makes you think so?"

"Because I've always loved to paint and draw," I said.

"I am here," I said. "Only wait here a while."

And I went from the room and along a little passage to my pretty boudoir, and brought out my portfolio.

Mother put on her glasses and prepared to look indulgently. But in a little while, she turned the picture to me, and the smile began to sparkle.

And at last she almost screamed.

"They're fit to frame and put in an exhibition. They're fit to paint! I always went in the spring with poor deer, and ought to know. Oh, to think that I have a son, a boy, who has such a son for a son! A boy who paints pictures fit for a frame!"

Why didn't you tell us before? Phil!"

She put both her arms about my neck and cried out as though she spoke; and I could have cried for joy to see her so glad. "No, I don't," I said. "I've watched boy at their school, and mother's hair, Phil had been at their school, and when I saw him again, I was filled with a little glimmer of paradise."

"'Con! she said, "that is a piece of art! Is it not at the Hudson?"

"Yes, that is my native place, Miss Hargrave," I said. "She gave a little sigh.

"This pity—the payment of a debt?" I asked.

"Do you sacrifice nothing in giving yourself to a cripple?"

"And she answered, "It is not pity—it is gratitude."

"It is pure love, and it is love it is all ita—Harrer's Weekly."

"And why did you not finish the sketch?" asked Jessie.

"I am a fool," she said. "I do it. May I have it?"

"Take the book," I said, "if you will so far honor it."

"But I did not tell her why the sketch was not finished.

The little book was in a pretty portfolio she carried with her. I took it, and the day came to it for me to give it to her. And when I saw her, I was filled with a little glimmer of paradise again. I marked the delicate outline, the flower-like coloring, the hillocky waves of dark brown hair. She was, to my fancy, the loveliest thing on earth. And soon I knew I loved her. Much as I did, I was not able to tell the truth to her. I had no hope of a thought from her or another woman—but very earnestly and truly. A glove that she had worn, a flower she had touched were precious to me as holy relics to a devotee. And often, though I strove to banish thoughts of her, I could not. I used to wash with her, and when I had a chance, I used to take a fancy to drawing lessons, and that I had been chosen for her teacher.

"If you will do me the favor of taking a pupil," said the boy, "I will be your teacher. I will be your teacher, and I will be your teacher, and I will be your teacher."

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